



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Fill your mind with truth; fill your heart with love; fill your life with service." ~ Thomas S. Monson

Dec. 25, 2013

WonderLab Volunteer Training – Jan. 16, Feb. 19

It's easy to get trained to be a WonderLab volunteer! Museum volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs, and include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. There is no retirement age at WonderLab! Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. WonderLab volunteers do not need a background in science; all training is provided. Upcoming trainings will be from 3:30-5 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 16, and from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 19. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at jeanne@wonderlab.org. (www.wonderlab.org)

PALS Volunteer Training – Jan 18

The next People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) training for new volunteers interested in therapeutic riding will be from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 18. PALS volunteers help children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. Volunteers must attend a training but no horse experience is necessary. A commitment of 3 to 4 hours per week is requested. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Jennylynn Vidas at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or jennylynn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Windfall Volunteer Day – Jan. 20

The facilities of the Windfall Dance Studio, a local nonprofit organization, are frequently used by a variety of community groups. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 20, Windfall is seeking assistance from community members for a variety of projects including installing ballet barres in the studio, painting the main lobby, and performing general garden and building clean-up. Completion of these projects will benefit all who use the facility. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Kay Olges at (812) 334-0506 or kolges@sbcglobal.net. (www.windfalldancers.org)

Volunteer Program Data Entry

The RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, in conjunction with Area 10 Agency on Aging, is seeking a computer-savvy volunteer to keep their database up to date. Two to three hours per week would keep them current and be much appreciated! This volunteer would enter volunteer hours monthly, update information as needed, and add new volunteers into the system, using VolunteerReporter software. Training is provided. Schedule is very flexible, but hours must be between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Your assistance will ensure that volunteers have their hours recorded accurately! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Serve Meals at Community Kitchen

The serving shift at the Community Kitchen of Monroe County is from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Five volunteers serve the evening meal 'cafeteria style' and do some clean-up as well, such as sweeping, mopping and taking out the trash. When inquiring about this opportunity - by email or phone - please provide a phone number where you can be contacted. Minimum age is 14; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Annie Brookshire at (812) 332-0999 or volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com. (www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Community Wish List Spotlight

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

Provides high-quality, safe, educational, fun and therapeutic animal-assisted activities to children and adults with physical, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities. To grant a wish, contact Fern Bonchek at fern@palstherapy.org or (812) 336-2798 ext. 12. (7644 W. Elwren Rd.; www.palstherapy.org)

Wishes: truck, horse trailer, flatbed trailer, ASTM-SEI riding helmets, calm horses, lead ropes, round bales, grooming supplies, saddles, tack, muck rakes/plastic pitchforks, outdoor toys, fence supplies, wireless microphone system, Purina Horseman's edge 12% pellet with lysine, alfalfa Cubes, alfalfa /timothy chopped hay, pelleted pine horse bedding, gas cards

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

